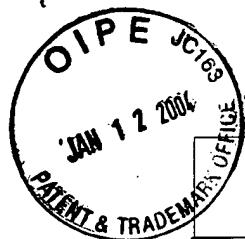


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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Application Serial Number:	Filing Date:	Examiner:	Group Art Unit:
10/026,379	December 18, 2001	Bernard Souw	2881

Invention: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INSPECTING A MASK

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENT AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER RESPONSE		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	113	MINUS	143	0	\$18	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	6	0	\$86	\$0

Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of July 15, 2003 to and through December 15, 2003, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:

one month (\$110) three months (\$950)
 two months (\$420) four months (\$1,480)

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT	\$420
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Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A check in the amount of \$420.00 for the extension of time is enclosed.

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1141, pertaining to 1) any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims; 2) any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Any additional extension of time required for the timely submission of this paper, the fees for which have not been previously paid, is hereby petitioned for and requested.

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Sir:

This response is to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 8, 2003. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below. This response is timely filed because a two-month extension of time has been paid for and requested.

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